

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A toner formed of a material mainly containing polyester-based resin as a resin component, wherein the polyester-based resin comprises block polyester mainly composed of a block copolymer, and amorphous polyester having crystallinity lower than that of the block polyester, wherein the block polyester comprises a crystalline block obtained by condensation of a diol component with a dicarboxylic acid component, and an amorphous block having crystallinity lower than that of the crystalline block, wherein the acid value of the toner is 8.0 KOHmg/g or less, and wherein the weight average molecular weight Mw of the amorphous polyester is in the range of 5×10^3 to 4×10^4 .

Claims 2-28. (canceled).

29. (currently amended): A toner formed of a material mainly containing polyester-based resin as a resin component, wherein the polyester-based resin comprises block polyester mainly composed of a block copolymer, and amorphous polyester having crystallinity lower than that of the block polyester,

wherein the block polyester comprises a crystalline block obtained by condensation of a diol component with a dicarboxylic acid component, and an amorphous block having crystallinity lower than that of the crystalline block, wherein the acid value of the toner is 8.0 KOHmg/g or less, further comprising an external additive, wherein the ratio of the external additive liberated from the surfaces of toner particles of the toner is 5 wt% or less and~~The toner as claimed in~~
~~claimed in claim 28,~~ wherein at least a part of the external additive liberated from the surfaces of the toner particles functions as a micro carrier to be charged with polarity opposite to that of the toner particles.

Claims 30-61. (canceled).